

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please further replace the paragraph in the detailed description beginning at page 7, line 11, with the following:

Referring now to Figs. 2-4, additional detail is provided with regard to the small opening  
5 beverage can end. More specifically, Fig. 2 is a top plan view of one embodiment of the present  
invention (without the pull tab) and identifying a rupturable score line 16 which defines the small  
opening 6. Preferably the small opening 6 has a diameter of between about 0.1865 inches to 0.3125  
inches, and more preferably no greater than about 0.1503 square inches as defined by the rupturable  
score line 16. A smaller diameter small opening would not permit the insertion of a typical drinking  
10 straw, while a larger vent opening 6 would not allow the beverage can end 2 to be substantially spill  
proof when the drinking straw is inserted in the small opening 6. The rivet 14 which interconnects  
the pull tab 8 to the top of center panel 4 is further seen positioned within the interior of the  
rupturable score line 16. As further shown in Fig. 3, a recessed center panel 34 may be provided in  
the center panel 4 which provides additional spacing to allow a user to engage the pull ring 10 during  
15 use. Fig. 4 is an enlargement of the small opening 6 and which further defines a reinforcing bead  
22 and the substantially circular rivet 14. As appreciated by one skilled in the art, although a rivet  
is used in this particular application, other types of interconnection apparatus which are commonly  
known in the beverage industry for interconnecting a pull tab to a center panel may be provided  
herein.